THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) Only one instance has come to notice where an employee of Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India Ltd., New Delhi appears prima facie to have drawn a vehicle loan on the basis of forged documents. Disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against the employee, under the Conduct, Discipline and Appeal Rules of the Corporation. Criminal action will be considered on receipt of reply from the concerned employee to whom a chargesheet has been issued.

(d) All the documents required for sanctioning of vehicle loans will be duly verified from the issuing authorities so that there is no such instance in future.

Export of Garments

3812. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether garment exporters have outstripped the current year's target in 1993-94 itself, forcing the Apparel Export Promotion Council to reset the target for the current year;

(b) where did the exports stand in rupee terms during 1993-94 and what is the target for the current year;

(c) how far the AEPC proposes to step up target in adjusting to the financial year which has replaced the calendar year system of computing performance figures; and

(d) what is the value-wise and quantity-wise share of Bangalore in these exports and in view of it being an important centre, what steps are being taken to increase its share?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The garment exporters have not outstripped the current year's target in 1993-94. In 1993-94 the exports of Readymade garments amounted to 3713.65 million US dollars equivalent to Rs. 11648.06 crores against the target of 3510.51 million US dollars. The target for exports of readymade garments for the year 1994-95 has been fixed at 4262.40 million US dollars equivalent to Rs .13,371.14 crores. Export targets are fixed on financial year basis.

(d) Export figures of readymade garments are not maintained State-wise.

In order to step up exports of textiles, including exports of garments from Bangalore, Government have taken a number of steps, which include encouraging exporters to participate in buyer seller meets, fairs and exhibitions; enabling import of capital goods at concessional duty for export-production; special arrangements for duty-free import of raw materials for export-production; ensuring increased availability of export credit etc.

Improving the facilities in Cotton Mills

3813. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion to ensure better facilities for cotton mills and for more working capital arrangements;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) From time to time Government has been receiving suggestions from various industry organisations for better facilities. These suggestions are usually related to access to funds at lower interest rates for modernisation and working capital; adequate availability of raw material at reasonable prices, reliefs in taxation etc.

Government has taken a number of steps to put into effect these suggestions through various policy initiatives.

Implementation of National Sericulture Projects

3814. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some National sericulture projects are being implemented in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such projects that are being implemented in Orissa.